

**United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Docket #12-CV 6104 (KBF)**

Joao Tovar,

Plaintiff

v.

Motion For Leave to Withdraw

Robert Indiana,

Defendant

NOW COMES David A. Lourie, Counsel for Joao Tovar in the above matter, and moves for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel for Joao Tovar.

David A. Lourie agreed with Mr. Tovar, and Mark W. Moody, Esq. to act as local counsel to Mr. Tovar, under the direction of Mr. Moody by filing a complaint in the Superior Court of the State of Maine, after an earlier case against Mr. Indiana and several other parties brought in was dismissed for lack of diversity. The case was removed by Defendant to the United States District Court for the State of Maine to deal with issues raised under Federal statutes, and was subsequently transferred to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York where I am not admitted to practice, and cannot effectively practice.

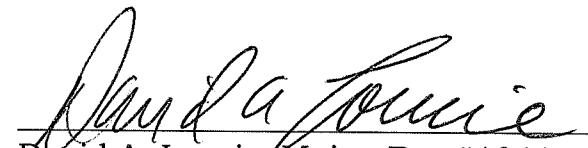
This Motion is supported by affidavit, and has been served on Mr. Tovar, Counsel for Defendant, and upon Mark Warren Moody, esq., via e-mail, in addition to mailing as stated in the attached Certificate.

Wherefore Counsel for Plaintiff requests that he be permitted to withdraw as Counsel, and that the Court provide Mr. Tovar a reasonable opportunity to

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obtain substitute counsel if Mr. Moody is unwilling or unable to enter his appearance.

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Affidavit

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NOW COMES David A. Lourie, and deposes as follows:

1. I am a lawyer licensed to practice in the Courts of the State of Maine.
2. I am not admitted to practice in the State of New York, or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.
3. I was approached by Mark W. Moody, Esq., on behalf of Joao Tovar, to act as “local counsel” in litigation to be brought in the State of Maine upon claims between the same parties dismissed *without prejudice* by the United States Court for the Southern District of New York for lack of diversity among the parties.
4. Mr. Moody stated his belief that a “global settlement” was imminent. I agreed to an hourly rate capped at a percentage of what Mr. Moody was to receive under an agreement with Mr. Tovar which I have never seen.
5. I filed the complaint against Robert Indiana, a resident of the State of Maine, in the Maine Superior Court upon the understanding that Mr. Moody would assist me in prosecuting the claim if it was not settled. I

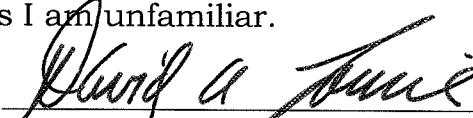
alleged essentially the same claims dismissed without prejudice by the United States Court for the Southern District of New York.

6. There was no settlement. Instead, Defendant removed the case to the United States District Court for the State of Maine, filed motions to dismiss and to transfer the case to the United States Court for the Southern District of New York.
7. I filed objections to both motions. However, Judge Hornby granted Defendant's Motion to Transfer the case to the Southern District of New York, and left the Motion to Dismiss to be decided in that Court.
8. I have been forwarding copies of all docket entries in the Maine District Court, and in this Court, by e-mail to both Mr. Tovar and to Mr. Moody as soon as they were received by me.
9. I have repeatedly asked that Mr. Moody take over the case, or that Mr. Tovar make arrangements with Mr. Moody or another lawyer to take it over.
10. I have repeatedly requested that Mr. Moody (who is apparently now in Australia) enter his appearance via ECF, as I understand that he is admitted to the United States Court for the Southern District of New York. However, he has not done so, although Mr. Moody is also far more familiar with the merits, nor has he stated that he will do so.
11. I have also requested that Mr. Tovar obtain substitute counsel admitted to practice in the Southern District of New York if Mr. Moody was unable

or unwilling to do so.

12. Leave to withdraw is requested, as I find myself in the impossible position of prosecuting a case in a distant Court in which I am not licensed to practice, with whose rules I am unfamiliar.

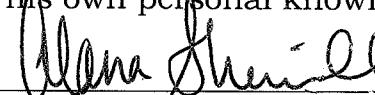
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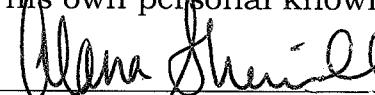
Personally appeared the above named David A. Lourie and made oath that the statements above are true and correct, and of his own personal knowledge.

Date: 9/26/12



Notary Public

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE



ALANA S. MERRILL
Notary Public, Maine
My Commission Expires December 10, 2017

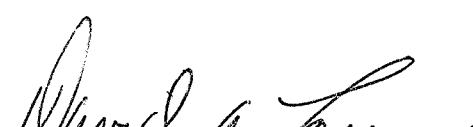
I hereby certify that I have deposited copies of the above Motion by depositing same in the United States Mail, postage prepaid to the following persons:

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Re: Motion for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel to Joao Tovar in Tovar v. Indiana, Docket No. 12-CV 6104 (KBF)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find my motion for leave to withdraw; affidavit, and certificate of service for filing in the above matter. I am unfortunately unable to access the ECF system and am therefor filing and serving notice of this Motion by paper, in accordance with what I believe to be the local rules.

Please advise if you require anything additional to file or process this motion.

Sincerely,



David A. Lourie

enclosures

cc: Joao Tovar
Mark Warren Moody, Esq
Judith Wallace, Esq.